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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: Patent Application Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (Clean version):

Please replace Claim 9 as follows:

9. A method for applying a topical anesthetic to an area of skin, the method comprises the steps of:

A)

a) mixing from about 40-80% of alcohol with a mixture containing:

from about 3-40% of/lidocaine;

from about 0.5 to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5%

thickener;

from about 0.5/to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5%

emulsiifer; and